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TEDx returns

Innovators. Friday marks the third TEDx conference in Philadelphia, where nearly 20 speakers will talk about education, design, social issues and more under the theme "The New Workshop of the World."

Youngest speaker. Nikki Adeli, 17, got hooked on TED talks in 2011 and is now a guest. PAGE 02

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"It's outrageous that in this day and age, Pennsylvania employers can ask invasive questions about a woman's maternal or marital status in a job interview. These questions open the door to increased discrimination against moms."

Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, of MomsRising, in support of state Sen. Daylin Leach's employment discrimination bill.

TEDx resurrects the 'Workshop of the World'

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Spotlight. The 19 speakers will discuss the idea that the city can become a stage for innovation.

NextFab's Molly Dee created this year's TEDxPhiladelphia signage. / RACHEL KOTKOSKIE, NEXTFAB STUDIO

After Nikki Adeli was the victim of bullying in an inner-city elementary school, her older sister parked Nikki in front of the computer and pulled up a TED talk presented by Pamela Meyer in July 2011 titled "How to spot a liar."

"I was so confused about why would people lie and ... spread rumors," Adeli, 17, a first-generation American and junior at the Science Leadership Academy said Wednesday. "And after I watched that, I was really inspired."

She was hooked, inhaling several of the 15- to 20-minute videos a day. And now, she wants to be a conduit to hook others.

On Friday, Philadelphia will host its third official TEDxPhiladelphia conference at Temple Performing Arts Center on campus.

An offspring of the now infamous TED talks, which were established as global conferences that shared innovative ideas in technology, entertainment and design in short presentations, TEDx emphasizes local leaders discussing ideas for local transformation.

The city hosted TEDx talks in 2010, which adopted the theme of "Right Here, Right Now," and in 2011, which championed the theme "The City."

This year's theme: "The New Workshop of the World."

"From the 1860s through the early 1970s, Philadelphia was known by the well-earned moniker, 'Workshop of the World,'" according to its website. "Now it's re-emerging as a home for makers, entrepreneurs, artists and a dizzying array of thinkers and doers."

Adeli, the youngest speaker ever at a TEDxPhilly event, said her speech will touch on "the student voice in the classroom, and how there is a lack of real-world application."

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Other speakers include

Dominique Streater

- A West Philly native and Moore College of Art & Design graduate, Streater won season 12 of "Project Runway." She is currently designing for her line out of her Philadelphia studio.

Brian McTear

- McTear, a producer and musician, owns Miner Street Recordings in Fishtown. He also founded Weathervane Music, a nonprofit arts and culture organization to advance independent music.

Chris Bartlett

- Bartlett, a leading LGBT activist, is the executive director of The William Way Community Center in Center City. He also helped create the Gay Men's Health Leadership Academy.

Andrew Dahlgren

Textile designer Andrew Dahlgren had this to say about his goals:

- "I'm going to focus on my experience as a designer/maker, and how my work as a designer/maker allows me to contribute to the community. ... The big idea is: What if we had community-designed industry, and what would that look like and what would the benefits be?"

Diss? Mayor, Gov. get six minutes with pope

Pope Francis canceled a long-awaited 45-minute meeting at his home with Mayor Michael Nutter and Gov. Tom Corbett on Wednesday, opting instead to greet them during his weekly public audience at St. Peter's Square in the Vatican.

Nutter gave the pope a miniature replica of the Liberty Bell, a St. Joe's Prep jersey and jerseys from the Flyers, Sixers, Phillies and Eagles.

However, Nutter and Corbett were both positive after the meeting on the chance that the pope will visit Philadelphia in September 2015 for the World Meeting of Families, reports say.

If the pope attends, the event could bring more than 1 million attendees to Philly. METRO

Murder charges

Man held for trial in Beats headphones murder

Arkel Garcia, who allegedly killed Christian Massey, 21, on Nov. 30, 2013 in a botched attempt to rob him of his headphones, was held for trial on murder charges after a preliminary hearing Wednesday. METRO

Not awesome

Tollefson out of jail, enters rehab

Don Tollefson was transferred from Bucks County Jail to a Chester County drug and alcohol rehab center, according to media reports.

Court documents filed Wednesday show that Tollefson, 61, was scheduled to appear at a preliminary hearing this week, but was instead sent to the Malvern Institute at his request. METRO

Tollefson / FILE PHOTO

Three teen girls charged with Temple attacks

Zaria Estes, Najee Bilaal and Kanesha Gainey have been hit with a slew of charges. / PPD

Busted. Suspects in police custody on assault charges for unexplained violence against Temple students.

Three teenagers are facing aggravated assault charges for allegedly participating in three attacks on female Temple students on March 21.

Zaria Estes, 15, allegedly swung a brick into the face of a 19-year-old Temple student near 17th and West Norris streets. The victim suffered facial injuries, several dislocated teeth and required oral surgery.

Estes, Najee Bilaal, 16, and Kanesha Gainey, 15, allegedly participated in two other attacks where female Temple students were punched in the face. All three attacks occurred March 21 around 6 p.m.

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The charges

All are charged with aggravated assault, conspiracy, possession of an instrument of a crime, terroristic threats, simple assault and recklessly endangering another person.

- Bail for Estes and Bilaal was set at $100,000 each. Bail for Gainey was set at $75,000.
- All three have a court hearing on April 10.

They're learning proper 'Eatiquette'

Fourth-grader Alexis Szydlik, 9, carries a tray of food during an "Eatiquette Program" at Ziegler Elementary in North Philadelphia, where students learn how to set up, serve and clean tables as well as how to eat around a table as a group. It was sponsored by the school district, Vetri Foundation for Children and the Independence Blue Cross Foundation. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Frankford

PSPCA removes 260 felines from home

About 260 cats were removed from a house in Frankford on Wednesday, according to a PSPCA spokeswoman.

The homeowner, who operated a small rescue out of her home, was in the process of forfeiting her feline-friend collection to the PSPCA when she decided to stop.

Officials, who went into her home on the 1600 block of Fillmore Street to retrieve the rest, said the cats were living in "unsanitary conditions." METRO

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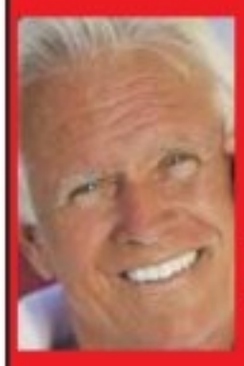
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Found. 'Burger King Baby' meets mother after nearly 20 years

A woman who gained worldwide attention after she posted a picture to Facebook asking for help finding her birth mother finally got to hug the woman she had wondered about since she was 12.

Katheryn Deprill, 27, says she met the woman she believes is her mother at an attorney's office on Monday, The Morning Call reported. The woman came forward to the attorney March 13 after learning of Deprill's quest to find her.

In her March 2 Facebook post, the "Burger King Baby," as Deprill became known, held up a sign that read: "Looking for my birth mother. She gave birth to me September 15th 1986. She abandoned me in the Burger King bathroom only hours old, Allentown PA. Please help me find her by sharing my post. Maybe she will see this. Thank you."

History

The attorney who helped arrange the meeting said that the woman, whom he did not identify, claimed she abandoned her baby after she became pregnant at 16 after being raped.

- Deprill learned she was abandoned when researching her family history.

"Oh my God, I'm so excited!" Deprill told the paper Tuesday. "I have literally not wiped the smile off my face. I never in a million years thought I'd find her. … It's definitely the best scenario possible. She's very normal. She's very sweet."

Deprill's Facebook post was shared more than 30,000 times, garnering media attention.

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Hair-whipping winds

A woman walks through heavy winds and nearly freezing temperatures in Center City on Wednesday as gusts reached almost 40 miles per hour just a day after about an inch of snow fell on the Delaware Valley. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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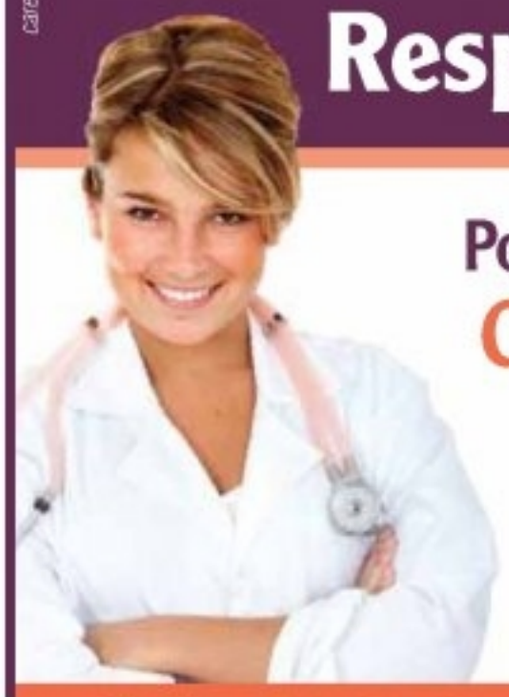

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Planes, ships chase new leads in search for the Malaysian jet

Time is running out. Locator beacons from the black boxes stop about a month after a crash.

A Chinese Ilyushin 76 aircraft is towed at Perth International Airport after returning from the search for debris the missing flight MH370 on Wednesday in Perth, Australia. / GETTY IMAGES

New satellite images have revealed more than 100 objects in the southern Indian Ocean that could be debris from the jetliner missing for 18 days, while planes scouring the frigid seas on Wednesday also reported seeing potential wreckage.

The latest sightings came as searchers stepped up efforts to find some trace of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, thought to have crashed on March 8 with the loss of all 239 people aboard after flying thousands of miles off course.

"We have now had four separate satellite leads, from Australia, China and France, showing possible debris," Malaysian Acting Transport Minister Hishammuddin Hussein told a news conference.

Aircraft

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A dozen aircraft from Australia, the United States, New Zealand, China, Japan and South Korea were once more scouring the seas some 1,550 miles southwest of Perth on Wednesday.

The latest images were captured by France-based Airbus Defense & Space on Monday and showed 122 potential objects in a 155-square-mile area, Hishammuddin said. The objects varied in size up to 75 feet in length, he said.

Partial military radar tracking showed the missing plane recrossing the Malay Peninsula, apparently under the control of a skilled pilot. REUTERS

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Russian crisis. US, EU to work together on tougher sanctions

The United States and the European Union agreed to work together to prepare possible tougher economic sanctions in response to Russia's behavior in Ukraine, including on the energy sector, and to make Europe less dependent on Russian gas.

U.S. President Barack Obama said after a summit with top EU officials that Russian President Vladimir Putin had miscalculated if he thought he could divide the West or count on its indifference over his annexation of Crimea.

Leaders of the Group of Seven major industrial powers decided this week to hold off on sanctions targeting Moscow's economy unless Putin took further action to destabilize Ukraine or other former Soviet republics.

He also said NATO should step up its presence in new east European member states bordering on Russia and Ukraine to provide reassurance that the alliance's mutual defense guarantee would protect them. REUTERS

The Russian LUKOIL ice-resistant fixed platform / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"If Russia continues on its current course, however, the isolation will deepen, sanctions will increase and there will be more consequences for the Russian economy."

Obama
In a conference with European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso and European Council President Herman Van Rompuy.

Back Bay

Two dead, 18 injured in Boston blaze

Two firefighters were reported killed and at least 18 people injured as a nine-alarm fire raced through a four-story building in the city's historic Back Bay neighborhood on Wednesday, drawing a large-scale emergency response.

All residents of the building escaped unharmed, said Boston Fire Department spokesman Steve MacDonald.

"We lost two heroes," Boston Mayor Marty Walsh said. "Today's just a sad day for the city of Boston."

With more than 150 firefighters at the scene, it was not immediately known how many of the injured may have been civilians, he said.

"Fire was blowing like a blowtorch," Boston Deputy Fire Chief Joe Finn said, describing a backdraft explosion. REUTERS

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Boehner: Congress to act swiftly on bill on doctor pay

Health care. Medicare today serves nearly 50 million elderly and disabled people.

Health cuts will be delayed another year. / GETTY IMAGES

Republican House Speaker John Boehner said on Wednesday he expected Congress to act swiftly on legislation to avert looming Medicare pay cuts for doctors after he and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, agreed to the proposal.

The House of Representatives will vote Thursday on the legislation delaying the cuts for another year, Boehner said, adding he expected the Senate would follow "pretty quickly."

Percent cut

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Hundreds of thousands of doctors who participate in traditional Medicare face a 24 percent pay cut on April 1, a situation dating to a 1990s initiative to restrain federal spending on the government health care program.

Boehner said the short-term, 12-month "doc fix" does not preclude any work from being done on a longer-term solution to the recurring problem.

Doctors hoped to see a permanent fix to the Medicare payments problem this year after Republicans and Democrats in both chambers of Congress agreed in February on a policy to replace the payment formula, known as the sustainable growth rate or SGR.

But there was no agreement on how to fund the $138 billion cost of the "doc fix" over the next decade, a serious sticking point in the Republican-run House.

"The long-term fix — those conversations have been difficult, because there's a price tag. ... And that issue has to be addressed," Boehner told a news conference.

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Healthier lifestyles

Could half of all breast cancers be prevented?

If girls and women of all ages adopted healthier lifestyle behaviors and the highest-risk women took preventive drugs like tamoxifen, the authors of a new report say half of breast cancers in the U.S. might be avoided.

"We really need to go back and work at breast cancer prevention starting at a young age," Dr. Graham Colditz, associate director for prevention and control at Siteman Cancer Center and Washington University in St. Louis, a co-author of the report, told Reuters Health.

"Women need to have better access to understanding how breast cancer risk accumulates and how these lifestyle factors add up over the years to increase risk," he said.

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Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Talking points

Lohan's 'fragile sobriety'

Folks close to Lindsay Lohan are reportedly worried about the starlet's fragile sobriety now that filming has concluded for her Oprah Winfrey-produced reality series, especially considering the bad influences she's started hanging out with, according to Radar Online. "Anyone in recovery knows when you hang around with the same old people that you used to before it will sidetrack your entire life," a source tells the mag.

Another Gomez intervention

Selena Gomez's parents are reportedly gearing up for another intervention

ANOTHER GOMEZ PROBLEM?

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for the former Disney star, hoping that a return trip to rehab and distance from on-again, off-again boyfriend Justin Bieber will get her back on the straight and narrow, according to Life & Style Weekly. Their last attempts to convince Gomez to seek help for anxiety and alleged substance abuse issues went great, with Gomez voluntarily checking into a treatment facility — but she left two weeks later to rush to Bieber's side in the wake of his legal troubles.

3 Ways divorce will help Gwyneth Paltrow's career

Somewhere along the way, people really started hating on Gwyneth Paltrow. Maybe it was her complete denial of her entitlement, her constant extolling of fad diets and treatments, her emphasis on perfection. Maybe it was "Glee." But just as everyone hates annoying celebrities who seem completely unaware of the privileged life they lead, everyone also loves a fighter. And there is no fighter in the world more relatable than a 41-year-old divorcee with two kids — no matter how skinny.

She could date likable people.

A good way to seem more likable? Date likable people! Someone like Steve Carrell (who is married, but work with me here, people). She will seem more awesome — and relatable — by default. Plus, there's nothing like tabloid dating drama to make us actually be interested in her again.

No more Coldplay jokes.

A theory: Maybe people found Paltrow insufferable because they also found Coldplay insufferable? Now that she's broken ranks, she can become her own person. It'll be the best lifestyle GOOP has ever endorsed: one without Coldplay.

Divorce weight!

What if Paltrow actually let herself eat dairy and fat and went on her own calorie-laden rumspringa of different flavors of Ben & Jerry's? What if she started to actually look like a real person going through a divorce? Surely we will then come around and begin to see her as a human, capable of feelings and thoughts.

Actually — nah. We'd just attack her viciously like we always do. Comme ci, comme ca.

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Metro rounds up what's in cinemas this week.

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1 'Noah' Good news, Christians! There's a big budget movie about the epic flood, in which God wiped out everyone but a family and a bunch of animals. Less good news: It's by Darren Aronofksy, the stylist of the keyed-up "Black Swan," and has been plagued by bad press.

2 'Sabotage' Arnold Schwarzenegger's post-governorship film comeback hasn't been going too well, but we're mildly pumped that he's in a loose — very, very loose — take on "And Then There Were None" made by David Ayer ("End of Watch").

3 'Cesar Chavez' Hollywood doesn't like to make movies about Latino heroes, even ones who were technically American. So here's a low budget take on the labor organizer, starring a low-key Michael Pena and directed by Diego Luna.

4 'Ernest & Celestine' A nominee for this year's Best Animated Feature Oscar, this French-Belgian film from the makers of the terrific and loopy "A Town Called Panic" sketches the friendship between a bear and a mouse.

5 'Le Week-end' Jim Broadbent and Lesley Duncan play an unhappy couple who decide to celebrate their 30th in Montmarte in an attempt to rekindle their marriage. Luckily, they run into Jeff Goldblum.

6 'Divergent' Perhaps you, too, can write a YA series that will become a splashy and aggressively promoted film franchise! Veronica Roth's tale of futuristic Chicago teens gets no less than Shailene Woodley, plus no less than Kate Winslet as the baddie.

7 'Muppets Most Wanted' The second of the original run of Muppet movies was a

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Rawr! Russell Crowe gets really angry in the Biblical movie "Noah." / PARAMOUNT PICTURES

caper comedy set overseas, and so is the second of the reboot lot. The Jason Segel-less sequel finds Kermit discovering he has a criminal doppelganger who robs museums with Ricky Gervais.

8 'Nymphomaniac: Volume I' It was probably inevitable that incorrigible provocateur Lars Von Trier would make a four-hour sex movie. In part one, Charlotte Gainsbourg plays a superfreak who talks about her past shtupping Shia LaBeouf and others. ("Volume II" will be out April 4.)

9 'Particle Fever' If the rebooted "Cosmos" has left you hankering for more science awesomeness, this documentary sits in on the testing of the Large Hadron Collider, which tentatively proved the existence of the so-called "God particle." Science!

10 'The Grand Budapest Hotel' The latest Wes Anderson joint probably won't win over detractors, but that's their loss. The filmmaker goes so far as to create his own country, where a concierge (Ralph Fiennes) gets involved in some business after banging an octogenarian dowager (Tilda Swinton).

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"I'm not a perfectly altruistic person at all. What I try to do is grow as a human."

Cole

LILY COLE

The model explains how she wants to turn the unfriendly Internet into a warm and fuzzy community.

MAKING ALL YOUR WISHES COME TRUE

In a capitalist culture where cash and consumerism are king, model Lily Cole's objective of a gift exchange seems like the romantic notion of a naive and innocent idealist. However, with the backing of Kwame Ferreira (founder of global innovation company Kwamecorp), Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales and inventor of the World Wide Web Tim Berners-Lee, it's far from just a dreamy concept. "Impossible" is a platform for humanism and altruism where wishes are posted and granted by like-minded individuals. The only currency is generosity and gratitude: In that vein, the former Vogue cover girl, who used to date Twitter founder Jack Dorsey, doesn't intend to take a salary from the social network, explaining, "This is my gift that I want to live outside of me."

Do you believe that humans are innately good?
Yeah, I do, and people have proven me right so far.

Are you trying to celebrate positive human actions with this platform?
There's definitely a celebration element to it. I was interested in the analogy between current ideas of online social reputation that most social networks like eBay and [taxi service] Uber have with classical gift economies: the idea of social reputation being a big part of the equation. ... That said, it's not the principal motivator. If anything, it's a kind of currency to try and encourage the principal reason for the platform, which is the actual actions.

Have you personally helped anyone on the site?
I've helped quite a few people. The one that I enjoyed most was with a boy who wanted to practice his English. I noticed that he was in Manchester, a place where I was soon visiting, so I said I could meet him in person rather than over the phone. Then I saw that on one of his other wishes, he'd wished that someone would help the homeless guy on the end of his street. We had a chat in English about this guy and I ended up getting a tent for the homeless man. I feel a bit self-conscious saying this, but the situation was quite magical — it went round in a nice big circle.

It's sounds a bit like an old-fashioned village community. Do you pine for those romanticized days where everybody used to help each other out?
I pine for human connection. I feel like in any big city, we're constantly surrounded by people and not actually connecting. I do really pine for that level of connection on such a subtle level that you don't really know that it's missing. It's something that I only noticed when I started traveling to other countries.

Connections

Do you stay in touch with the people who you help or is it very much one action and then move on?
I've met quite a few who I've stayed in touch with. A big part of the gift economy is that when someone does something for you for free, a subtle relationship is made. I can feel a community growing around me.

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Hookups. 'Gigolos' star Vin Armani shares his dating advice with us

As an escort who says he's slept with about 1,000 women, Vin Armani knows how to satisfy a lady. But pleasing a woman in bed is only part of it. Armani, the star of Showtime's "Gigolos" and founder of Companion Concierge — which links escorts and clients — says that men have a lot to learn when it comes to understanding the mating game. Read on for insight.

The Season 5 finale of "Gigolos," with Vin Armani, airs tonight at 11 on Showtime. Learn more about Armani's services at CompanionConcierge.com. / JAS

Forget your ideal. Making a checklist of qualities your perfect mate must have is a setup for failure, Armani says. "This person sitting across from you, you judge against that ideal who you've never met," he says. "You miss out on just seeing this person for who they are." When people are seen as who they are, the relationship can blossom.

The time and place don't matter. You don't need to hit the hottest restaurant to woo your date. "Pick a bar that's comfortable, where you can talk, sit down and be vulnerable," he says. "Listen to her, let her listen to you, find out who [you both] are and make a connection."

Don't sweat the small stuff. "I think so many people are so concerned about making everything go right," he says. But you can't fight reality: Embarrassing moments happen. "I say the wrong thing, do the wrong thing, and then laugh it off," Armani says.

Be honest early on. Armani tells his dates the first time they go out that he's not monogamous. "I say: Listen, I just want to let you know, I would love to have a relationship with you, but you're not the only woman that I'm gonna sleep with, and if that's a deal breaker for you, we don't have to see each other anymore."

MEREDITH ENGEL

It's not all about sex

If you go in aggressively with the attitude of "I need to sleep with her," you probably won't. Instead, be the guy she wants to sleep with. "A woman is rooting for a guy," Armani says. "There's no woman like, 'Man, I hope he's terrible.'"

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Must-do spring flings

Outdoors. Shake the hibernation blues and get ready for a few of our favorite festivals.

The weather is finally hinting at spring, which means everyone is itching to get out and celebrate. We're marking our calendars now with our favorite upcoming seasonal events.

The Porch at 30th

It's hard not to admire the efforts of the University City District and what they've done with a slab of concrete outside of 30th Street Station. In 2011, UCD opened a piece of former parking lot up as a community space that incorporates live music, fitness programs, hands-on activities and some of the finest mobile food in the city. We're ready to get back out there this spring, starting on April 2 at noon with a performance by New Jersey singer Ginger Coyle. Check the schedule each month for the latest lineup of performances, events and food trucks. **www.universitycity.org**

Sakura

Cherry Blossom Festival

Few things say springtime in Philadelphia louder and stronger than the Cherry Blossom Festival, April 2-13. The annual celebration of Japanese culture packs a ton of events into 12 days, from food tastings to a drum and dance show. Many events are free. **www.subarucherryblossom.org**

Japan comes to Philly during the annual Cherry Blossom Festival. / PROVIDED

Philly Farm & Food Fest

April 13 marks the third go for this acclaimed food fest. Produced by Fair Food and the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture, the event brings some seriously delicious vendors along for the ride. Think of it as the farmers market of the year. There's also a Libations Lounge to sample local brews. **www.phillyfarmfest.org**

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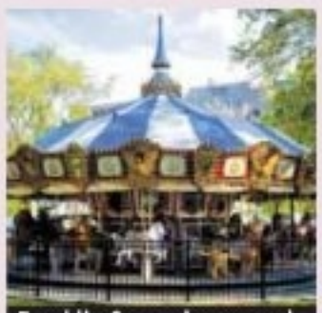

Franklin Square's carousel
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Franklin Square

The park reopened for the season at the beginning of the month. In our hearts, though, it wasn't officially springtime until SquareBurger opened its concession windows this past weekend, and the smell of burgers and fries came wafting out — though we might wait until it's a bit warmer for the orange creamsicle milkshake.

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Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
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The Emmy-winning comedian is landing at the Keswick. Sykes is ranked as one of "Entertainment Weekly"'s 25 Funniest People and has been on many TV shows, such as HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and — of course — "Wanda Sykes: Sick & Tired."

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3rd Annual East Coast Beard and Moustache Competition

Saturday, 8 p.m.
TLA, 334 South St.
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The Ataris

Thursday, 7 p.m.
TLA, 334 South St.
$23, 215-922-2599
www.tlaphilly.com
One of the biggest bands from the pop-punk movement of the '90s is stopping in Philly on their "So Long, Astoria" reunion. It features the lineup from their most successful album, also called "So Long, Astoria" — which turns 10 this year.

Nicole Atkins

Thursday, 8 p.m.
Johnny Brenda's,
1201 N. Frankford Ave.
$12-$14, 215-739-9684
www.johnnybrendas.com
Nicole Atkins is a singer/songwriter from Asbury Park, N.J. Her dark, throaty vibrato has been featured on "Late Show with David Letterman" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." Fresh off her South by Southwest performance, she is touring in support of her new album, "Slow Phaser," which came out earlier this year.

Start Making Sense: Talking Heads Tribute

Saturday, 9 p.m.
World Cafe Live,
3025 Walnut St.
$15, 215-222-1400
www.worldcafelive.com
This seven-piece band pays homage to the '80s new wave group Talking Heads. Expect to hear a set list spanning the Heads' entire discography and their live show recreated to the fullest.

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Laurel Hill Cemetery dates back to the mid-1800s. / PROVIDED

The Art and Architecture of Laurel Hill Cemetery

Saturday, 1 p.m.
Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Ave.; $12; www.thelaurelhillcemetery.org
The Laurel Hill Cemetery is hosting a walking tour showcasing exquisite monuments by noted architects John Notman, William Strickland, Frank Furness and others. Explore grave markers, urns, obelisks and crosses that were created over the span of two centuries. Enjoy the gloom and beauty of this historic cemetery.

WORKSHOP

Test your wits against nature at Tyler Arboretum. / PROVIDED

Surviving the Wild

Saturday, 10 a.m.
Tyler Arboretum, 515 Painter Rd.; $15 for members, $20 for nonmembers; www.tylerarboretum.org
The arboretum is hosting a hands-on workshop about wilderness survival, run by former Army officer Mark Steele, who knows his way around mountains, woods, jungles and deserts. This is your chance to learn what you've seen on survival shows.

FILM

Video in the Villages

Thursday, 6 p.m.
Penn Museum, 3260 South St.; Free,
215-898-4000; www.penn.museum
Get a close look at the cultural life of some of the tribes in the Amazonian region of Brazil, with in-depth perspectives few people have ever seen before. This film screening is a compilation of short films from the Brazilian media collective Video Nas Aldeias selected by Elizabeth Weatherford, curator of film and video at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.

Venture into the Amazon at the Penn Museum.
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♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Your trusting nature could tempt others to try to take advantage of you. Make sure you read the fine print.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. You will be on the losing end if you get involved in someone else's argument. Reserve judgment, don't meddle and have the confidence in others.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. The future looks bright. An investment opportunity should be considered. Staying active will keep you in top shape.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Face up to your problems. The sooner you begin the process, the better you will feel. Keep your emotions under control.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Follow your intuition to discover an unusual way to improve your financial future. You should also take steps to resolve any health issues.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Do something to lift your spirits. A new look will lead to compliments. Plan a social event with people you find stimulating.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Dealing with past disappointments is the most critical step in moving forward. Your loved ones will offer support if you are receptive.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Remaining honest will be essential in all of your relationships. Success in financial matters will depend on diligence.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Take a second look at your commitments. It's possible that you may have overlooked an important detail that will cost you.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. You have more to offer than you think. Your financial future will improve if you increase your knowledge.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Make time for love and romance. Plan a trip to a musical or sporting event. A shared interest will result in a rewarding friendship.

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Letters

CTRL+S(ave) the world

Re: 'Print less, save the world' (Metro, March 26) I try to follow letter writer Kerry Stevens' good advice, but the people who designed Windows, browsers and websites are making it impossible. When I complete a transaction, I'm usually confronted with a confirmation page displaying a "print" button. My attempt to save the world by instead saving the page with CTRL+S usually results in "this page may not save correctly," and indeed it doesn't. How about someone creating a standard that requires a "save" button next to every "print" button — one that actually works.

HARVEY WACHTEL, VIA EMAIL

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Re: 'Your tricky tipping questions answered' (Metro, March 25) Your article was a great short guide to tipping. One tip within the article seemed odd though, and that was your advice of not tipping for counter service. In a typical diner, the counter person is the wait staff and should be tipped like anyone else, as they largely rely on tips. In some fast-food chains, tips may not be necessary. This is from my experience of being part of a family restaurant business for more than 20 years.

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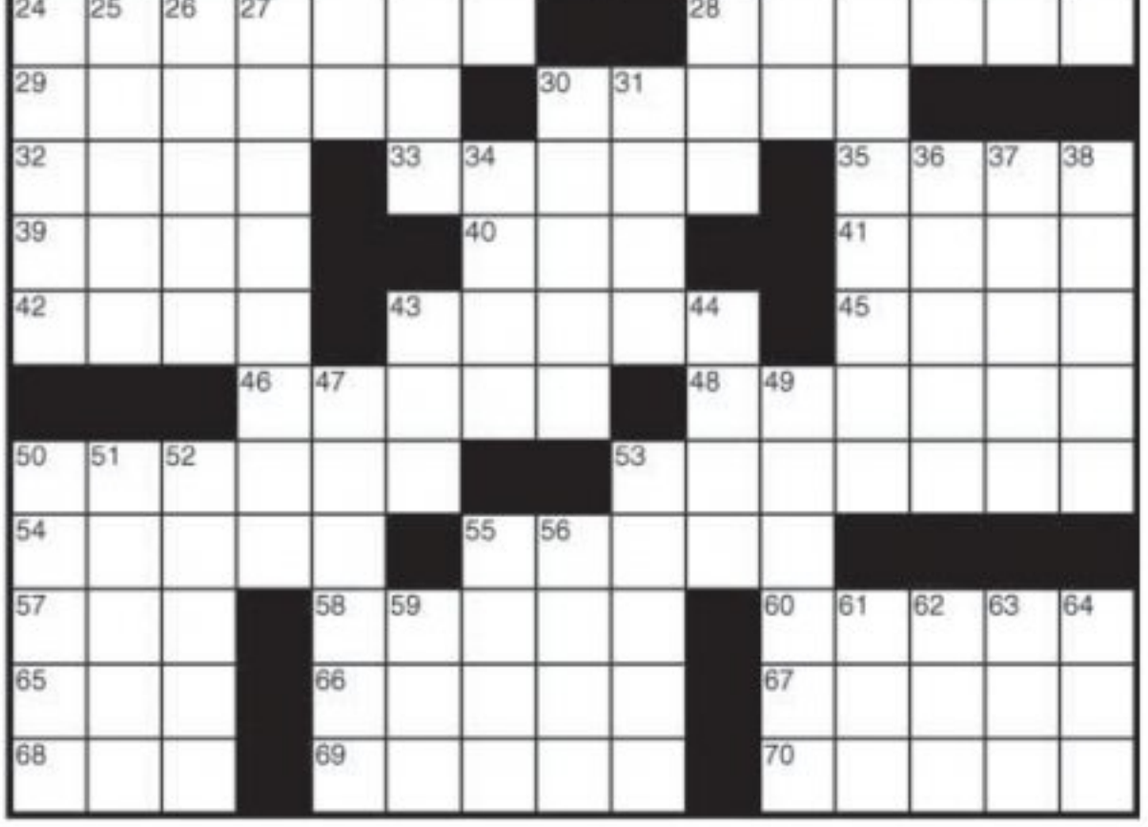

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Union with rising star in Fernandes

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Fernandes is making noise in his sophomore season. / GETTY IMAGES

MLS. The Union has gotten a spark from an unlikely source as the season picks up pace.

Receiving a game ball in any sport is a symbol of great accomplishment and respect.

On Monday, the Union (1-1-1) presented midfielder Leo Fernandes with last Saturday's game ball, after Fernandes registered his first MLS goal in a 2-1 loss to the Columbus Crew.

Fernandes has been the talk of the team in this early season after registering a game-winning assist two weekends ago in a 1-0 win over the New England Revolution and getting his first league goal this past weekend.

He's embracing the attention.

"It's something new to me [the attention]," said Fernandes. "I didn't think it would come so soon because I was just doing the things I thought I needed to do to help out the team. I wasn't playing outside of myself in games, I was just playing my hardest and hoping that would translate into success."

As a rookie last season, Fernandes registered no goals or assists and just one shot on goal in 281 minutes on the pitch. This year he has a goal, an assist and three shots on goal in just 125 minutes.

Quoted

"I always play with a chip on my shoulder because I didn't come from a big school. I'm a very competitive person and whatever I do I want to be the best at it." Fernandes

He credits the competition level at the midfield as one of the big reasons he's playing better this season.

"It's an amazing feeling to play alongside the great players that we have at the midfield," said Fernandes, who was alluding to players like Maurice Edu and Vincent Nogueira. "It helps my game tremendously because I'm constantly trying to keep up with them in order to make my game better."

Fernandes still has a lot of work to do to break into the starting lineup for the Union. He's very pleased with the start he's had and hopes it will carry into this weekend's match against the Montreal Impact (0-3-0).

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3 SPORTS

Facing loss 26

Sixers could make history

If the 76ers lose Thursday's 8 p.m. game against Houston, they will tie the all-time record for consecutive losses with 26 (set by the 2010-11 Cavaliers). Two straight losses, including one at home vs. Detroit Saturday, would set a new mark.

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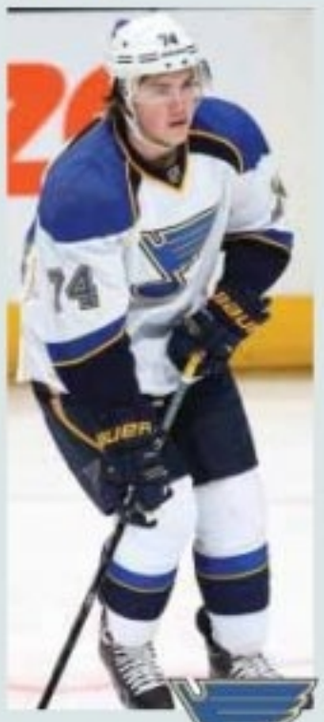

Blues (49-16-7)

If the Blues had lost to the Maple Leafs on Tuesday, they would have dropped to No. 2. That's how close the gap is between them and the Bruins right now. However, St. Louis beat Toronto, 5-3, to regain the lead for the most points in the NHL (105).

No. 2

Bruins (49-17-6)

Boston's 12-game win streak ended on Monday in a 2-1 shootout loss to Montreal, but the Bruins have been the NHL's best team in March. They host Chicago on Thursday.

No. 3

Sharks (47-18-9)

By virtue of their 5-2 win over Edmonton Tuesday, San Jose clinched a playoff spot for the 10th straight season. The Sharks are 7-1-2 in their last 10 games.

No. 4

'Hawks (42-16-15)

Patrick Kane is out until the postseason but the Blackhawks are playing better. Their game in Boston Thursday is arguably the most anticipated showdown of the season.

No. 5

Ducks (46-18-7)

After leading the Pacific for most of the season, the Ducks have been passed by the Sharks. Although the Ducks are four points behind San Jose, they still have three games in hand.

No. 6

Penguins (46-21-5)

We're not saying the sky is falling in Pittsburgh, but with the news that Evgeni Malkin is out two to three weeks with a foot injury, coupled with two straight losses, things could certainly be going better.

No. 7

Avalanche (45-21-6)

The Avalanche are still out of the Wild Card range but it looks like they'll be in the fifth spot for when the Western Conference playoffs begin.

No. 8

Kings (42-25-6)

Nobody will want to face the Kings in the playoffs, one of the NHL's top teams in the NHL's second half. L.A. has won its last four games and has allowed the fewest goals (155).

No. 9

Canadiens (41-26-7)

More than any other team in the East, the Canadiens seem to pose the biggest threat to the Bruins. Four of their next eight games are on the road where they have gone 20-14-2.

No. 10

Lightning (39-24-9)

Tampa Bay has dropped its last two games, but the Lightning should be able to bounce back since their next two are against bottom-feeders like the Islanders and Panthers.

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Mathis was one of the best guards in the NFL last year. / GETTY IMAGES

Mathis looks for new deal, floats trade

NFL. The guard still has three years remaining on a deal he signed with Philadelphia two years ago.

Eagles guard Evan Mathis asked for a new contract a few weeks ago, and the Eagles said no, according to reports Wednesday.

The team told the All-Pro they were open to trading him, and though he has been shopped to a few teams, none offered to step up with a third- or fourth-round pick, the compensation the Eagles want for the 32-year-old.

Mathis is two years into a five-year, $25 million contract, and other NFL teams have been lukewarm about his age and his $5.15 million salary for the upcoming season, 14th-highest among active guards.

"Do I worry about Evan? No," Chip Kelly told the media. "You talk about go-to-work lunch pail mentality, that's Evan Mathis. I don't worry about Evan from that standpoint."

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Uncertain future

Kelly won't confirm status of Jackson

In remarks to the media Wednesday morning, Eagles head coach Chip Kelly commented on his positive regard for Eagles wide receiver DeSean Jackson. He also said he has been in contact with Jackson for several days now.

"We had a good conversation. We're always going to do what's best for the football team," Kelly told reporters. "I think he knows where we are, and I know where he is. I feel very comfortable about it. ... I like DeSean. DeSean did a really nice job for us. But we're always going to do what's best for the organization."

However, the coach went out of his way to avoid denying whether the Eagles have tried to, or will try to trade the Pro Bowler, leaving speculation to answer those questions. METRO

Final tune up

Lee strong in Phillies loss to Tigers

With a lot of uncertainty regarding player status in the Phillies locker room in Clearwater, Fla., Cliff Lee showed he is ready to go on Opening Day, striking out seven and allowing just one run in a 1-0 Phillies loss Wednesday afternoon.

Cliff Lee will next take the mound on Opening Day. / GETTY IMAGES

Offensively, the Phillies reverted back to the struggles of early spring, posting just two hits — singles from Chase Utley and Wil Nieves.

Other big news was made after the game when the Phillies announced that Bobby Abreu would not make the major league roster.

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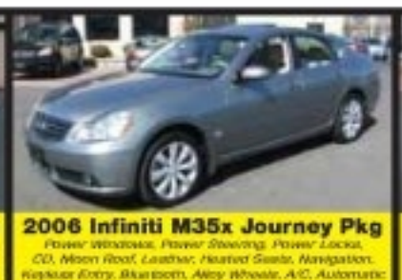

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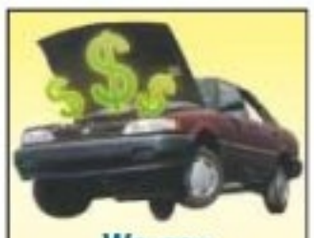

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